



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Special-called Meeting
Central High School Building
Fourth Floor, Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
August 19, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

The special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 2018. The Commission members present in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included:

Heather Westerfield, Chair
Sarah Foster
Michael Lindsey

Attending via teleconference:

Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS
Sean Brewer, Madison, MS
Roy Gill, Gulfport, MS
Brian Harvey, Oxford, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin, Greenwood, MS
John Mistilis, Oxford, MS
Anthony Montgomery, Gulfport, MS
Eddie Prather, Charlotte, NC
Brad Stevens, Monroe County, MS
Ingrid Williams, Jackson, MS

The following members did not attend:

Kenny Bush

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director/Executive Secretary Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation
Angelo Nuzzo, Office of Accreditation
Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation

Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

Other MDE staff present included: Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer, Alan Burrow, Patrice Guilfoyle, Jean Cook, and Pete Smith.

I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order

Heather Westerfield, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

Ms. Westerfield announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Westerfield asked the Commission members to review the agenda they received previously. On a motion by Michael Lindsey seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Consideration of the vote of the Assessment Task Force and the results of the teacher survey regarding the continuance of the U.S. History End-of-Course assessment

Dr. Tim Martin, co-chair of the Assessment Task Force, presented the results of the teacher survey regarding the continuance of the U.S. History End-of-Course assessment. Committee members asked questions of Dr. Martin and Dr. Paula Vanderford, MDE Chief Accountability Officer.

Following the discussion, on a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission voted unanimously to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to eliminate the U.S. History End-of-Course Assessment.

IV. Adjournment

On a motion by John Mistilis, seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Heather Westerfield
Chair of the Commission

John Mistilis
Executive Secretary of the Commission